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Energy and Environment Committee  
May 5, 2005

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**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.**

The Energy and Environment Committee held its meeting at the Los Angeles Athletic Club, downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by Margaret Clark, Chair, Rosemead. There was a quorum.

**Members Present**

Bertone, Denis	SGVCOG
Brennan, Brian	VCOG
Clark, Margaret ( <b>Chair</b> )	City of Rosemead
Eckenrode, Norman	City of Placentia
Van Arsdale, Lori	City of Hemet
Washburn, Dennis ( <b>Vice Chair</b> )	City of Calabasas
Young, Toni	City of Port Hueneme
Zerunyan, Frank	South Bay Cities COG

**Members Not Present**

Cook, Debbie	City of Huntington Beach
Forester, Larry	City of Signal Hill
Harrison, Jon	City of Redlands
King, Dorothy	Gateway Cities COG
Marchand, Paul	City of Cathedral City
Nelson, Larry	City of Artesia
Portantino, Anthony	City of La Canada/Flintridge
Streator, Joyce	City of Pasadena

**New Members**

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**1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE**

Hon. Margaret Clark, Chair, Rosemead, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None

**3.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE**

Information Items were received in the following order: 6.2; 6.3; 6.1; 6.4; 6.5. Item 6.6 was not heard due to insufficient time.

**4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

**4.1 Approval Item**

4.1.1 Action Minutes of March 3, 2005

Recommended Action for Action Item 5.2, Nomination of Regional Council Champion Award amended to read "Motion by Toni Young to nominate Dr. Kay Martin for the Regional Champion Award, then Seconded by Washburn. The motion carried."

*Motion by Washburn to approve the Action Minutes with amendments, Seconded by Young, then unanimously Approved by the Committee.*

**4.2 Receive and File**

4.2.1 SCAG Future Events Calendar

**5.0 ACTION ITEMS**

**None at this time.**

**6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

6.2 Energy Chapter Action Plan

6.3 Solid Waste Action Plan

Jacob Lieb, SCAG staff consolidated Item 6.2 and 6.3. Both 6.2 and 6.3 are reports on two chapters under development in the Regional Comprehensive Plan. The Committee will review and discuss works-in-progress for each chapter and

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will be asked to help formulate planned outcomes and indicators for future outreach efforts.

The Committee also received suggestions from an Energy Workshop held at SCAG in April:

- Encourage cost effective alternative and renewable energy generation facilities
- Encourage reliable energy through diversification of sources
- Encourage greater coordination between CPUC and independent service operators
- Encourage public and private sectors to use energy efficient materials in building design, construction, rehabilitation and retrofit.
- Encourage co-generation where feasible
- State must establish and follow policies enabling redevelopment of energy transmission lines and related infrastructure to ensure reliability
- Encourage increase in capacity of existing transmission lines

6.1 Urban Ecology Initiatives by the TreePeople

Andy Lipkis, TreePeople, provided the Committee with a brief background on his organization and their efforts to create and support forests, environmental planning, methods of environmental literacy, and promote a greener ecosystem. The Committee asked Mr. Lipkis to return for the Regional Council Retreat or at a future meeting to provide a more in depth presentation to the board.

6.4 Environmental Justice Workshop

Jacob Lieb, SCAG staff, briefed the Committee on a roundtable discussion with a group of Environmental Justice experts on the outlined efforts in the 2004 RTP.

The group suggested a few new analytical approaches, expressed concerns specific to transportation projects, and noted potential projects that would be viewed favorably from an Environmental Justice perspective.

6.5 Habitat and Open Space Chapter of the RCP

Ashwani Vasishth, SCAG staff, briefly reviewed a table of policies, recommendations, and actions completed based on SCAG's Compass Growth Visioning document, the 2004 RTP Environmental Impact Report, and the 1996 Regional Comprehensive Plan.

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6.6 Water Chapter of the Regional Comprehensive Plan

This item was not heard due to insufficient time.

7.0 **WATER POLICY TASK FORCE REPORT**

Next meeting – June 9, 2005, 10a.m. to 12:30pm.

8.0 **CHAIR'S REPORT**

None

9.0 **STAFF REPORT**

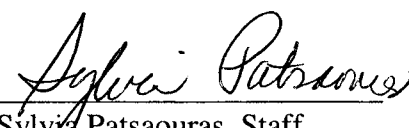
10.0 **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

11.0 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

12.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

Hon. Margaret Clark adjourned meeting at 11:33a.m. The next meeting of the Energy and Environment Committee will be held at SCAG on Thursday, July 7, 2005.

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by:

  
Sylvia Patsaouras, Staff  
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